

MHDS COMMISSION
September 17, 2020
9:30 am to 1:30 pm
Zoom

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsy Akin	Richard Whitaker
Diane Brecht	Russell Wood
Janee Harvey	Teresa Daubitz
John Parmeter	Timothy Perkins
Maria Sorensen	

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cory Turner	Shari O'Bannon
Lorrie Young	

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Adrienne Seusy	Marsha Edgington
Brad Trow	Matt McKinney
Emily Berry	Michelle Zuerlein
Flora Schmidt	Rachel Cecil
Jan Heikes	Rick Walters
Jane Hudson	Sandi Hurtado-Peters
Jason Vermeer	Shawn Mittelstadt
Jordan Nickerson	Stacie Maass
Julie Jetter	Susan Seehas
Karen Dowell	Teresa Bomhoff
Katie Peck	Theresa Armstrong
Kelsey Thien	Todd Lange
Kris Bell	Torie Keith
Libby Reekers	

Welcome and Introductions

John Parmeter called the meeting to order at 9:37am and led introductions. Quorum was established with nine members present virtually.

Review and Vote on August 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Russell Wood made a motion to approve the August 20, 2020 meeting minutes. Timothy Perkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Managed Care Executive Summary

John Parmeter led the review of the Managed Care Organization (MCO) Executive Summary 2020 document. Changes made to the document included updating the list of efforts to address.

Richard Whitaker made a motion to approve the Managed Care Executive Summary 2020 with amendments. Diane Brecht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MHDS Update

Theresa Armstrong led the Commission through an update on current activities of the division. Theresa said COVID Recovery Iowa was able to add support to areas hit hard by the derecho and is able to be funded through June 2021. DHS continues to work with many community partners to provide assistance to individuals and families with increasing needs following the derecho.

Theresa reported CARES Act dollars have been dispersed by IME to providers following an application process. MHDS Regions are also working on spending their CARES Act dollars. MHDS has held a meeting with County Social Services Board of Supervisors to support potential changes to counties in the Region and will continue to support this process.

Theresa lastly reported that MHDS continues to work on community integration and expanding services for individuals to live in their communities.

State Resource Center Barriers Report

Marsha Edgington spoke about the State Resource Center's (SRC) annual barrier report, which identifies reasons why individuals living in Iowa's two SRCs have not moved into their communities. She said the information in this report is current as of the end of 2019, and she can provide more up-to-date information if needed. Marsha presented the Barrier Report.

MHDS Regional Dashboards

Theresa Armstrong reviewed the SFY2019 statewide report including 4th quarter regional data. Theresa stated the Regions submit their data on a quarterly basis and the information is self-reported by the Regions who have their way of verifying they meet the access standards. Theresa presented the dashboards.

There was discussion on how to measure beyond service requirements and access standards are met but to measure how these services are doing and if they are meeting the needs of the community.

Public Comment

Todd Lange recommended peer support services being provided through peer run organizations be a future agenda item for the Commission.

Break

The Commission left for break from 12:22pm to 12:40pm

Commission Annual Report Committees

The Commission met as a large group to discuss legislative priorities for the report. The Commission had a robust discussion over a list of legislative priorities to add to existing priorities and made revisions to that.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Victoria Keith.